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THE VISION
AND THE Scarlet Witch
IN THE LAND OF THE DEAD!
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He's a synthetic man! She's a mutant sorceress! Once they were outcasts, but now they have each other, and a love which can withstand every danger they face!

Stan Lee PRESENTS: VISION™ and the Scarlet Witch™

IT'S A CRISP, CLEAR THURSDAY NIGHT IN NEW YORK CITY, BUT FOR MOST EVERYONE THERE IT'S ALSO THE START OF THE LONG WEEKEND--
--BECAUSE IT'S ALSO A SORT OF HOLIDAY--ONE THEY LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING EVERY YEAR WITH KEEN ANTICIPATION--BUT IF YOU ASKED THEM WHY, MOST WOULD HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU!
the Others call it...
All Hallow's Eve!
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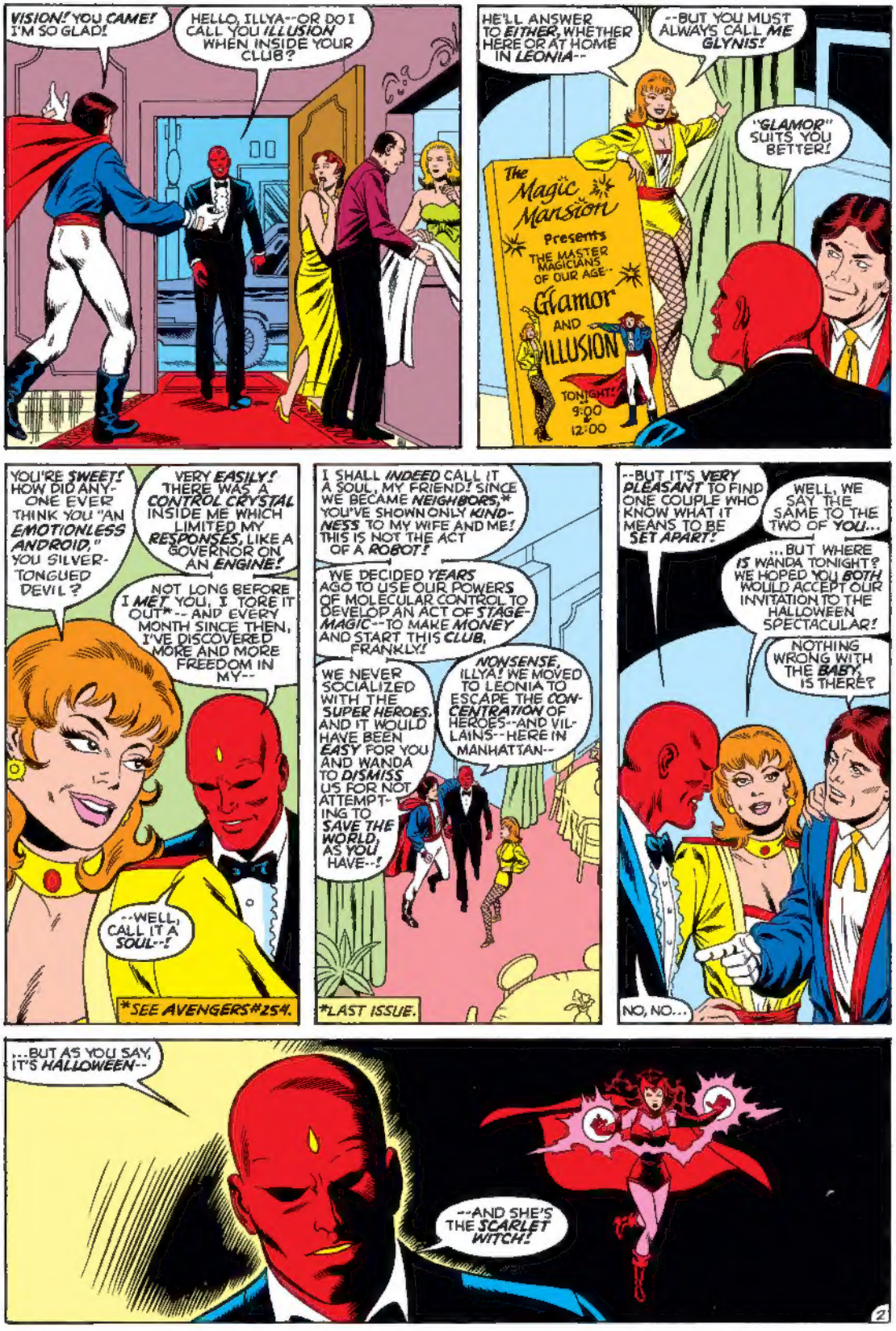
VISION! YOU CAME! I'M SO GLAD!
HELLO, ILLYA--OR DO I CALL YOU ILLUSION WHEN INSIDE YOUR CLUB?
HE'LL ANSWER TO EITHER, WHETHER HERE OR AT HOME IN LEONIA--
--BUT YOU MUST ALWAYS CALL ME GLYNIS!
"GLAMOR" SUITS YOU BETTER!
The Magic Mansion
Presents
THE MASTER MAGICIANS OF OUR AGE--
Glamor
AND
ILLUSION
TONIGHT: 9:00 12:00
YOU'RE SWEET! HOW DID ANY-ONE EVER THINK YOU "AN EMOTIONLESS ANDROID," YOU SILVER-TONGUED DEVIL?
VERY EASILY! THERE WAS A CONTROL CRYSTAL INSIDE ME WHICH LIMITED MY RESPONSES, LIKE A GOVERNOR ON AN ENGINE!
NOT LONG BEFORE I MET YOU, I TORE IT OUT*-- AND EVERY MONTH SINCE THEN, I'VE DISCOVERED MORE AND MORE FREEDOM IN MY--
--WELL, CALL IT A SOUL--!
*SEE AVENGERS #254.
I SHALL INDEED CALL IT A SOUL, MY FRIEND! SINCE WE BECAME NEIGHBORS,* YOU'VE SHOWN ONLY KIND-NESS TO MY WIFE AND ME! THIS IS NOT THE ACT OF A ROBOT!
WE DECIDED YEARS AGO TO USE OUR POWERS OF MOLECULAR CONTROL TO DEVELOP AN ACT OF STAGE-MAGIC--TO MAKE MONEY AND START THIS CLUB, FRANKLY!
WE NEVER SOCIALIZED WITH THE SUPER HEROES, AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY FOR YOU AND WANDA TO DISMISS US FOR NOT ATTEMPT-ING TO SAVE THE WORLD, AS YOU HAVE--!
NONSENSE, ILLYA! WE MOVED TO LEONIA TO ESCAPE THE CON-CENTRATION OF HEROES--AND VIL-LAINS--HERE IN MANHATTAN--
*LAST ISSUE.
--BUT IT'S VERY PLEASANT TO FIND ONE COUPLE WHO KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SET APART!
WELL, WE SAY THE SAME TO THE TWO OF YOU...
...BUT WHERE IS WANDA TONIGHT? WE HOPED YOU BOTH WOULD ACCEPT OUR INVITATION TO THE HALLOWEEN SPECTACULAR!
NOTHING WRONG WITH THE BABY, IS THERE?
NO, NO...
...BUT AS YOU SAY, IT'S HALLOWEEN--
--AND SHE'S THE SCARLET WITCH!
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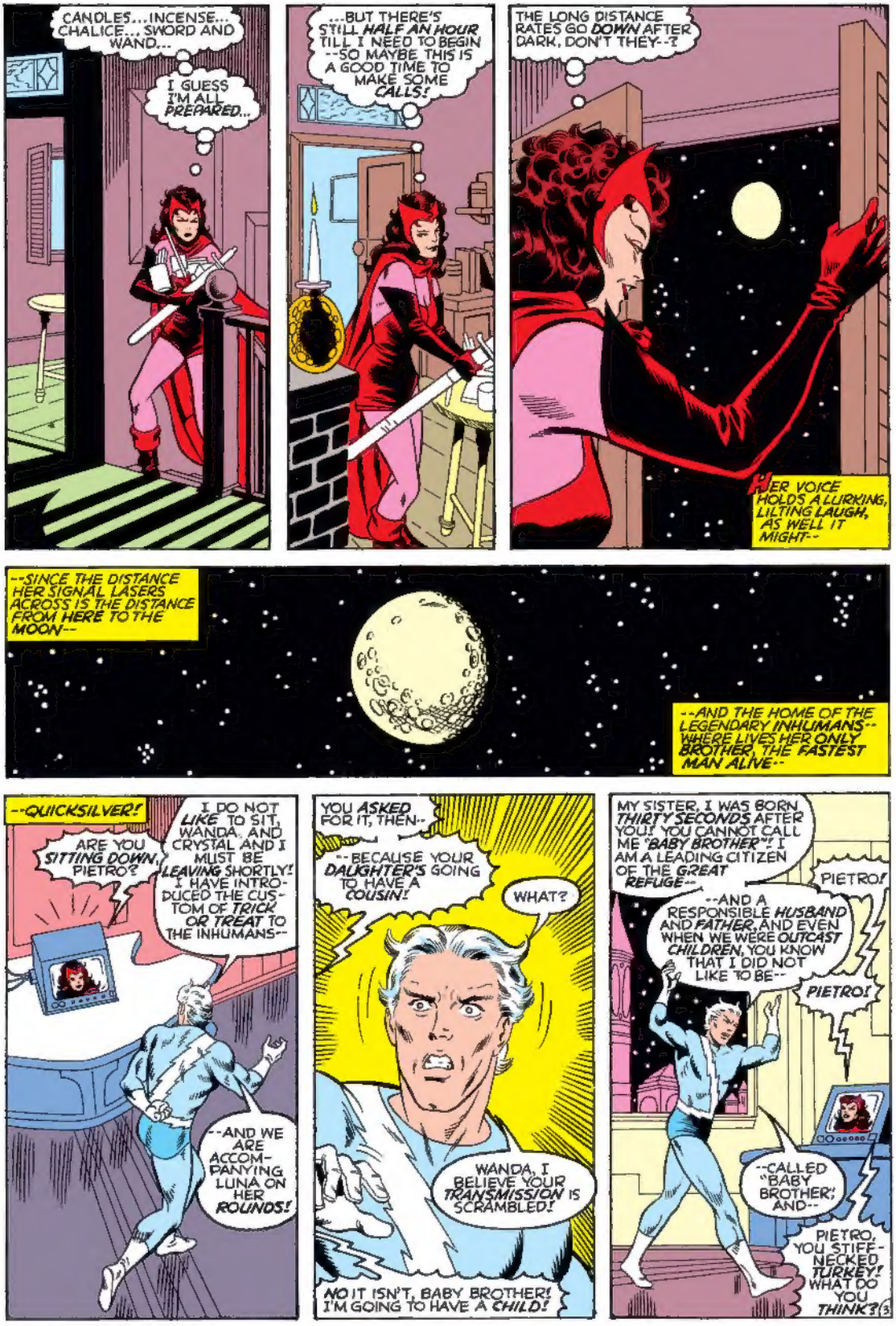
CANDLES...INCENSE... CHALICE... SWORD AND WAND...
I GUESS I'M ALL PREPARED...
...BUT THERE'S STILL HALF AN HOUR TILL I NEED TO BEGIN --SO MAYBE THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO MAKE SOME CALLS!
THE LONG DISTANCE RATES GO DOWN AFTER DARK, DON'T THEY--?
HER VOICE HOLDS A LURKING, LILTING LAUGH, AS WELL IT MIGHT--
--SINCE THE DISTANCE HER SIGNAL LASERS ACROSS IS THE DISTANCE FROM HERE TO THE MOON--
--AND THE HOME OF THE LEGENDARY INHUMANS-- WHERE LIVES HER ONLY BROTHER, THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE--
--QUICKSILVER!
ARE YOU SITTING DOWN, PIETRO?
I DO NOT LIKE TO SIT, WANDA. AND CRYSTAL AND I MUST BE LEAVING SHORTLY! I HAVE INTRODUCED THE CUSTOM OF TRICK OR TREAT TO THE INHUMANS--
--AND WE ARE ACCOMPANYING LUNA ON HER ROUNDS!
YOU ASKED FOR IT, THEN--
--BECAUSE YOUR DAUGHTER'S GOING TO HAVE A COUSIN!
WHAT?
WANDA, I BELIEVE YOUR TRANSMISSION IS SCRAMBLED!
NO IT ISN'T, BABY BROTHER! I'M GOING TO HAVE A CHILD!
MY SISTER, I WAS BORN THIRTY SECONDS AFTER YOU! YOU CANNOT CALL ME "BABY BROTHER"! I AM A LEADING CITIZEN OF THE GREAT REFUGE--
PIETRO!
--AND A RESPONSIBLE HUSBAND AND FATHER, AND EVEN WHEN WE WERE OUTCAST CHILDREN, YOU KNOW THAT I DID NOT LIKE TO BE--
PIETRO!
--CALLED "BABY BROTHER"; AND--
PIETRO, YOU STIFF-NECKED TURKEY! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

...THE VISION IS NOT THE FATHER, OF COURSE--!
PIETRO! HOW CAN YOU EVEN THINK THAT? OF COURSE HE IS--BUT I'M NOT GOING TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS!
THE VISION IS THE FATHER...!
FOR MANY YEARS, QUICKSILVER OPPOSED THE LIAISON BETWEEN HIS ONLY SISTER AND A MECHANICAL MAN--THERE WAS MUCH BITTERNESS!
THEY BOTH REMEMBER...
CONGRATULATIONS, WANDA --TO YOU, AND HIM!
I LOVE YOU, MY SISTER!
AND WHAT DOES OUR FATHER THINK OF THIS?
I--HAVEN'T TOLD HIM YET! I HAVEN'T TOLD ANYONE EXCEPT YOU!
IT'S BEEN VIZH AND MY SECRET THIS PAST MONTH--
--AND NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE'VE LEARNED ABOUT HIS SOFTER SIDE, IT'S STILL HARD TO IMAGINE TELLING SUCH NEWS--
--TO MAGNETO!
I QUITE AGREE! I ACCEPT HIS STORY OF SIRING US--
--BUT THERE WAS TOO MUCH TIME THAT HE HELD US ALL BUT CAPTIVE IN HIS BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS FOR ME TO EVER SEE HIM AS A SYMPATHETIC FIGURE!
I'LL HAVE TO CALL HIM, PIETRO! HE WOULD KNOW SOON ENOUGH, WHEN I BEGIN TO SHOW!
WELL...! BUT HERE--NO MORE TALK OF HIM!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO CELEBRATE YOUR WITCHES' FESTIVAL TONIGHT?
SOMETHING MORE OUTRE THAN TRICK OR TREAT, I IMAGINE!
OH, YES! THIS IS THE NIGHT WHEN THE VEILS BETWEEN THE LIVING AND THE DEAD ARE THINNEST--I'M GOING TO DO A RITUAL TO CONTACT MY MENTOR, AGATHA HARKNESS--
--BUT TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M MORE CAUGHT UP WITH LIFE THAN DEATH RIGHT NOW!
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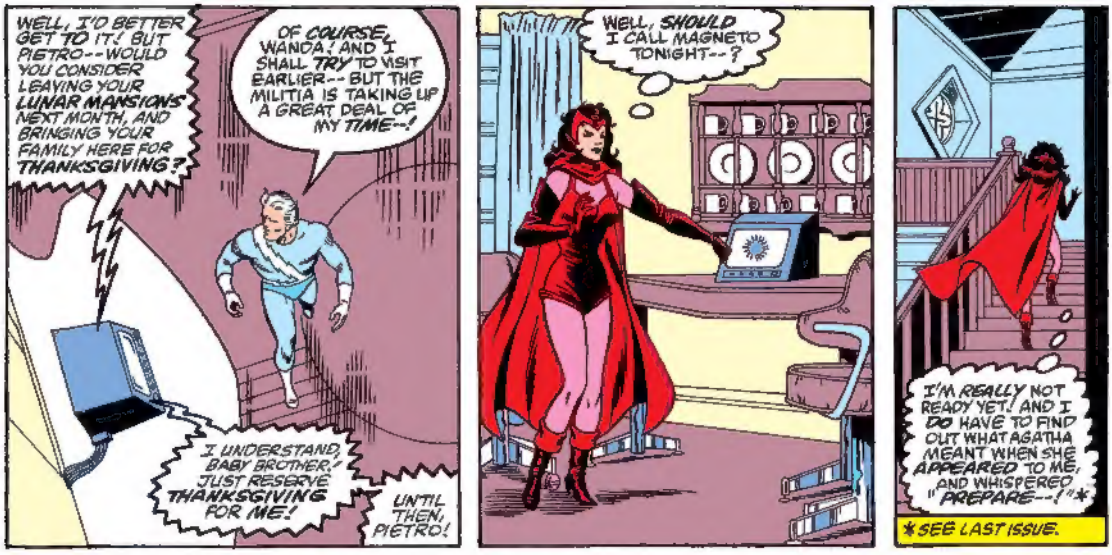
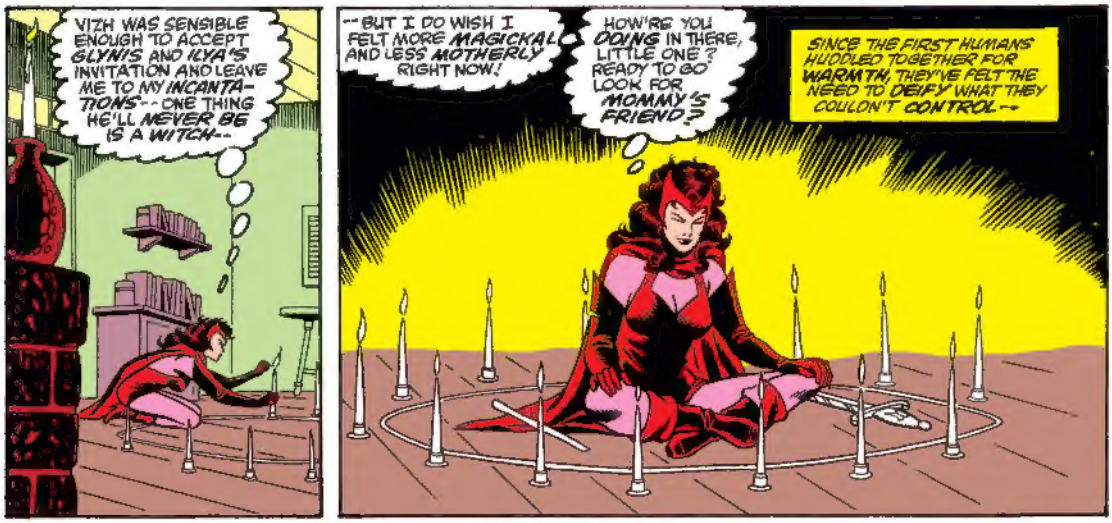
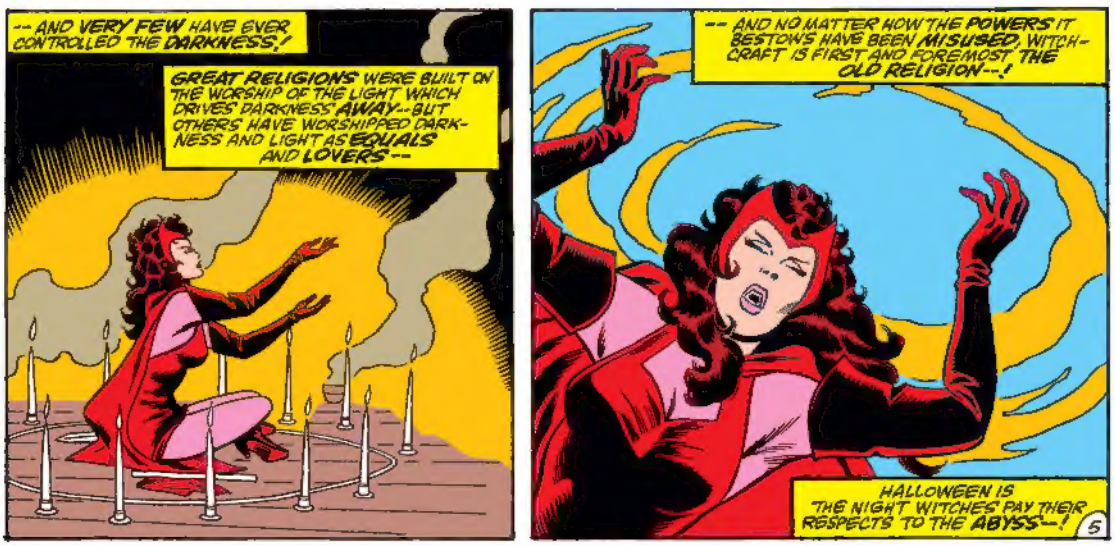
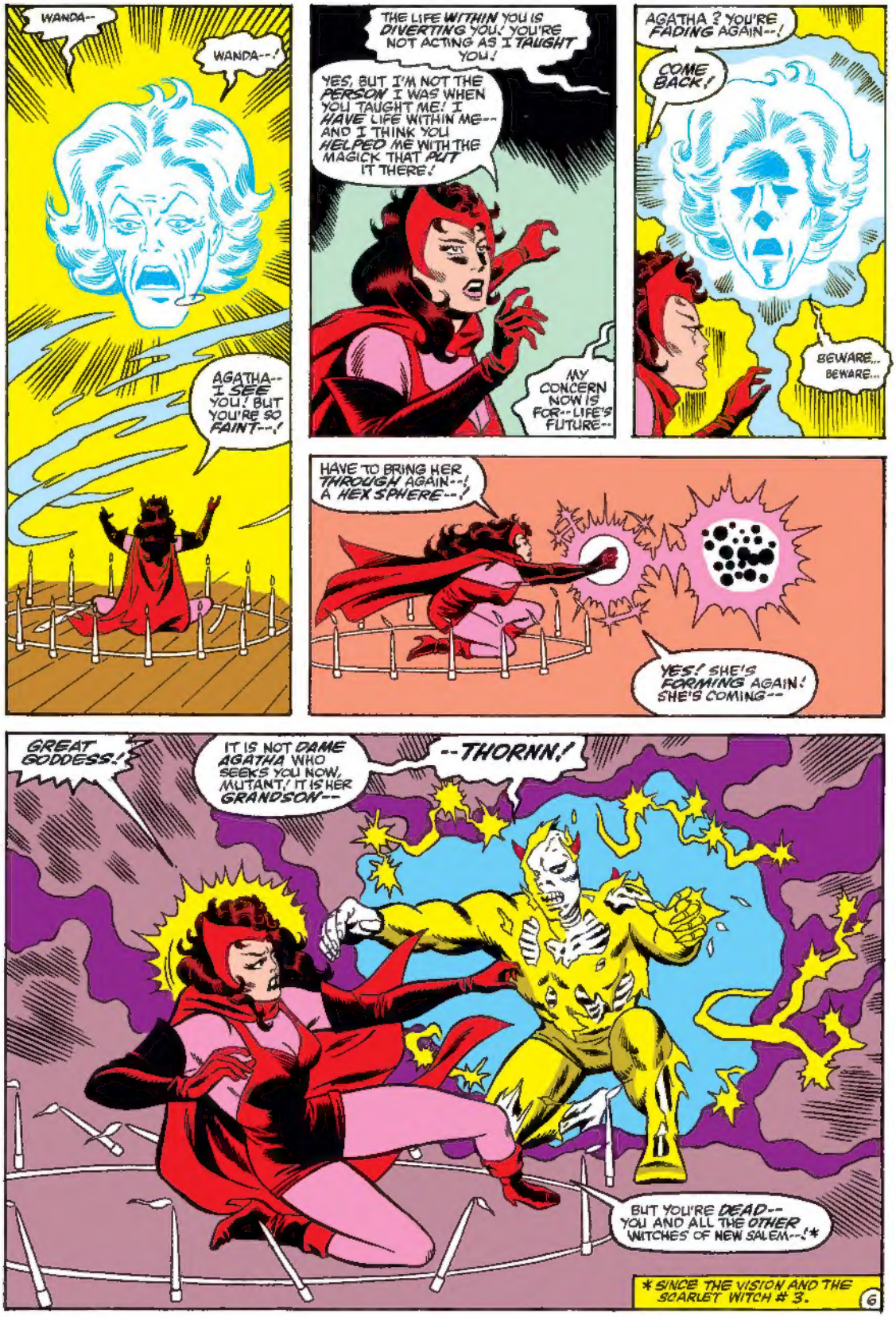

WELL, I'D BETTER GET TO IT! BUT PIETRO--WOULD YOU CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR LUNAR MANSIONS NEXT MONTH, AND BRINGING YOUR FAMILY HERE FOR THANKSGIVING?
OF COURSE, WANDA! AND I SHALL TRY TO VISIT EARLIER--BUT THE MILITIA IS TAKING UP A GREAT DEAL OF MY TIME--!
I UNDERSTAND, BABY BROTHER! JUST RESERVE THANKSGIVING FOR ME!
UNTIL THEN, PIETRO!
WELL, SHOULD I CALL MAGNETO TONIGHT--?
I'M REALLY NOT READY YET! AND I DO HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT AGATHA MEANT WHEN SHE APPEARED TO ME, AND WHISPERED "PREPARE--!"*
*SEE LAST ISSUE.


VIZH WAS SENSIBLE ENOUGH TO ACCEPT GLYNIS AND ILYA'S INVITATION AND LEAVE ME TO MY INCANTATIONS--ONE THING HE'LL NEVER BE IS A WITCH--
--BUT I DO WISH I FELT MORE MAGICKAL AND LESS MOTHERLY RIGHT NOW!
HOW'RE YOU DOING IN THERE, LITTLE ONE? READY TO GO LOOK FOR MOMMY'S FRIEND?
SINCE THE FIRST HUMANS HUDDLED TOGETHER FOR WARMTH, THEY'VE FELT THE NEED TO DEIFY WHAT THEY COULDN'T CONTROL--


--AND VERY FEW HAVE EVER CONTROLLED THE DARKNESS!
GREAT RELIGIONS WERE BUILT ON THE WORSHIP OF THE LIGHT WHICH DRIVES DARKNESS AWAY--BUT OTHERS HAVE WORSHIPPED DARKNESS AND LIGHT AS EQUALS AND LOVERS--
--AND NO MATTER HOW THE POWERS IT BESTOWS HAVE BEEN MISUSED, WITCHCRAFT IS FIRST AND FOREMOST THE OLD RELIGION--!
HALLOWEEN IS THE NIGHT WITCHES PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO THE ABYSS--!


WANDA--
WANDA--!
AGATHA--I SEE YOU! BUT YOU'RE SO FAINT--!
THE LIFE WITHIN YOU IS DIVERTING YOU! YOU'RE NOT ACTING AS I TAUGHT YOU!
YES, BUT I'M NOT THE PERSON I WAS WHEN YOU TAUGHT ME! I HAVE LIFE WITHIN ME--AND I THINK YOU HELPED ME WITH THE MAGICK THAT PUT IT THERE!
MY CONCERN NOW IS FOR--LIFE'S FUTURE--
AGATHA? YOU'RE FADING AGAIN--!
COME BACK!
BEWARE... BEWARE...
HAVE TO BRING HER THROUGH AGAIN--! A HEX SPHERE--!
YES! SHE'S FORMING AGAIN! SHE'S COMING--
GREAT GODDESS!
IT IS NOT DAME AGATHA WHO SEEKS YOU NOW, MUTANT! IT IS HER GRANDSON--
--THORNN!
BUT YOU'RE DEAD--YOU AND ALL THE OTHER WITCHES OF NEW SALEM--!*
*SINCE THE VISION AND THE SCARLET WITCH #3.
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OF COURSE!
NOOOOO!
--AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I SHALL SAW MY WIFE--NOT IN HALF--BUT IN TEN DISTINCT PIECES!
HOW THEY OOH AND AHH! IF ONLY THEY KNEW HOW I CAN CONTROL MY EVERY MOLECULE, SO AS TO SEPARATE AND THEN TO REFORM WITHOUT INJURY!
AND SINCE ILYA CAN CONTROL THE MOLECULES OF ANYTHING HE TOUCHES, THE SAW BLADE NEED NEVER TOUCH ME!
HOW MANY, I WONDER, EXPECT TO HEAR ME SCREAM--?
ARRRGGHHH!
THIS--CANNOT BE HAPPENING! I FELT--MAGICK IN MY HEAD--!
VISION--?
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT MAGICK IS! I HAVE NO FEEL FOR IT! ONLY WANDA--!
WANDA!!
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO HER!
WHAT IS GOING ON, ILYA?
I DON'T KNOW! IT'S NOT MY DOING--!
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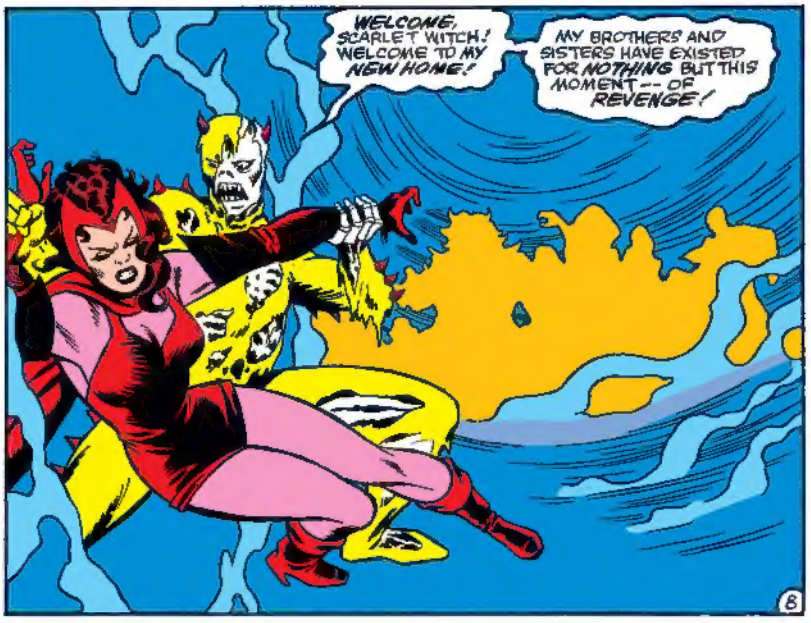
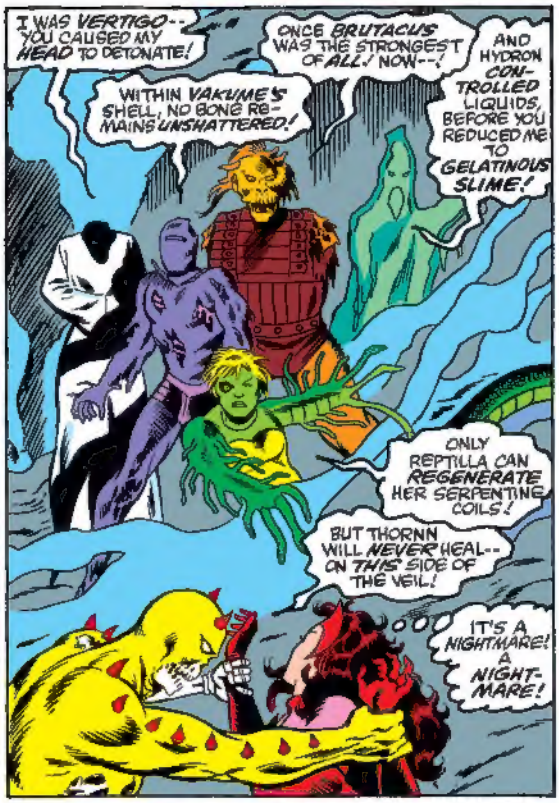
STAGE MAGIC IS NOT REAL MAGICK! STILL, THE MOOD IN THIS HALL WILL SERVE ME--
--THE MOOD MUST SERVE ME!
LATER FOR THIS.!
RELAX, SAM! GLAMOR AND ILLUSION ALWAYS DO SOMETHING SPECTACULAR!

VISION-- YOUR WIFE HAS BEEN TAKEN-- TAKEN BY THOSE WHO DIE BUT WILL NOT LIE QUIET! I TRIED TO WARN HER-- BUT I AM NOT WHAT I WAS!
WHERE, MISS HARKNESS? WHERE IS SHE?

THE DRUID TOME... DESTROY THE DRUID TOME...
THAT IS ALL FOR THIS EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IF ANY OF YOU ARE DISSATISFIED, YOUR MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THESE RITES!

WHAT DID SHE MEAN, VISION?
I DON'T KNOW! SHE SAID "DESTROY THE DRUID TOME"--
--BUT IT IS ALREADY DESTROYED!
* SINCE THE FIRST VISION / WITCH LIMITED SERIES #1.

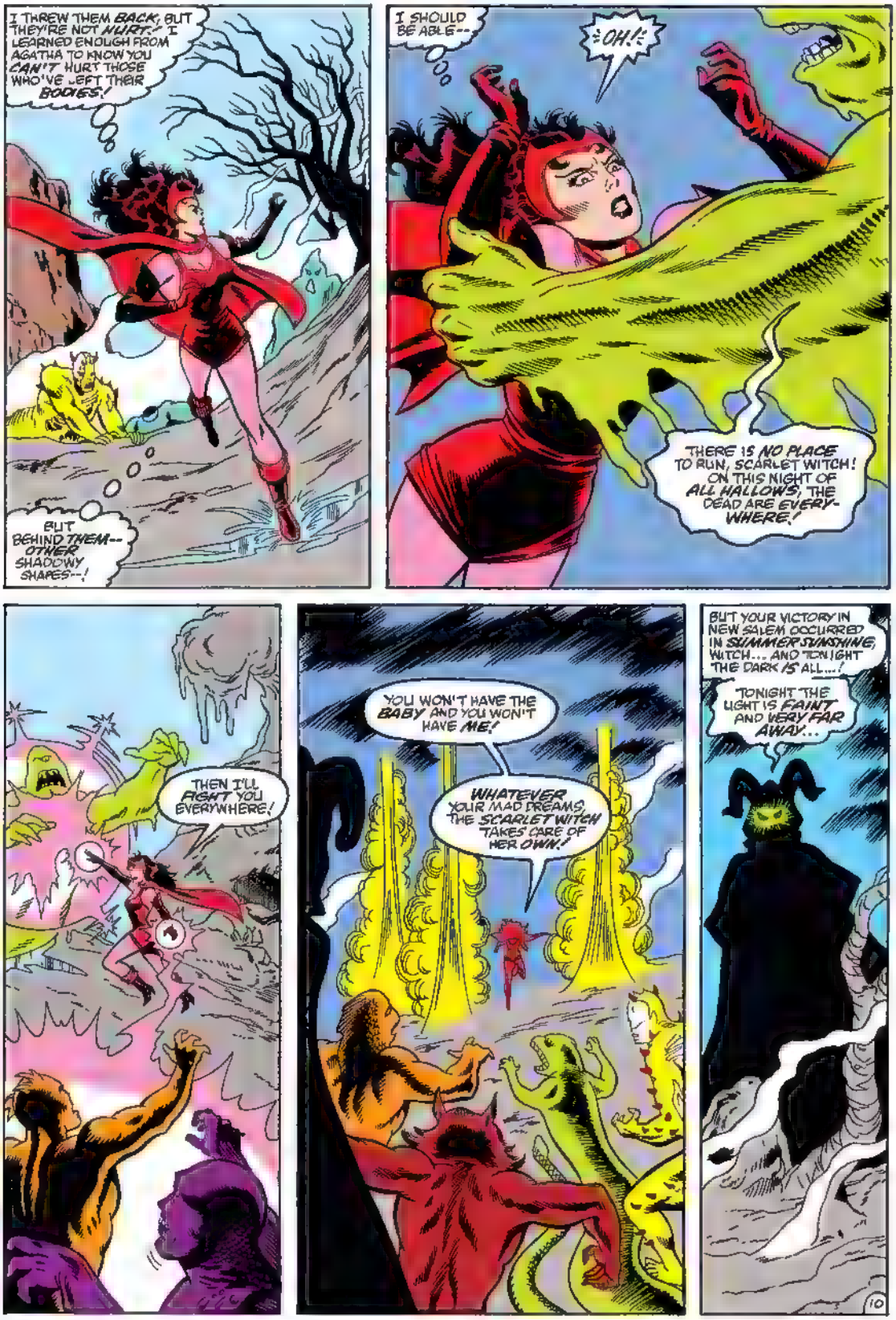

WELCOME, SCARLET WITCH! WELCOME TO MY NEW HOME!
MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS HAVE EXISTED FOR NOTHING BUT THIS MOMENT-- OF REVENGE!


I WAS VERTIGO--YOU CAUSED MY HEAD TO DETONATE!
ONCE BRUTACUS WAS THE STRONGEST OF ALL! NOW--!
AND HYDRON CONTROLLED LIQUIDS, BEFORE YOU REDUCED ME TO GELATINOUS SLIME!
WITHIN VAKUME'S SHELL, NO BONE REMAINS UNSHATTERED!
ONLY REPTILLA CAN REGENERATE HER SERPENTINE COILS!
BUT THORNN WILL NEVER HEAL--ON THIS SIDE OF THE VEIL!
IT'S A NIGHTMARE! A NIGHTMARE!

A NIGHTMARE WHICH HAS ONLY BEGUN, MUTANT--FOR EVEN AS YOU HAVE COME TO THE DEAD REALM, YOU'LL NOW ASSIST IN THE SENDING OF DARKNESS TO THE LAND OF LIFE!
YOU'RE INSANE! MY HEX POWER IS FORMIDABLE, BUT IT CAN'T CREATE LIFE!
IT WAS ONLY THROUGH THE USE OF YOUR MORE TRADITIONAL MAGICK THAT I WAS ABLE TO CREATE THE ONE LIFE--

NO! OH, NO--!
OH, YES! IT IS YOUR CHILD WHO HOLDS THE KEY TO THE DOORWAY--YOUR CHILD WHO HAS THE POWER THAT WAS STOLEN FROM US!
AND WHO WILL RETURN IT ALL TONIGHT!

NO!


I THREW THEM BACK, BUT THEY'RE NOT HURT.- I LEARNED ENOUGH FROM AGATHA TO KNOW YOU CAN'T HURT THOSE WHO'VE LEFT THEIR BODIES!
BUT BEHIND THEM-- OTHER SHADOWY SHAPES--!
I SHOULD BE ABLE--
=OH!=
THERE IS NO PLACE TO RUN, SCARLET WITCH! ON THIS NIGHT OF ALL HALLOWS, THE DEAD ARE EVERY-WHERE!
THEN I'LL FIGHT YOU EVERYWHERE!
YOU WON'T HAVE THE BABY AND YOU WON'T HAVE ME!
WHATEVER YOUR MAD DREAMS, THE SCARLET WITCH TAKES CARE OF HER OWN!
BUT YOUR VICTORY IN NEW SALEM OCCURRED IN SUMMER SUNSHINE, WITCH... AND TONIGHT THE DARK IS ALL...!
TONIGHT THE LIGHT IS FAINT AND VERY FAR AWAY...
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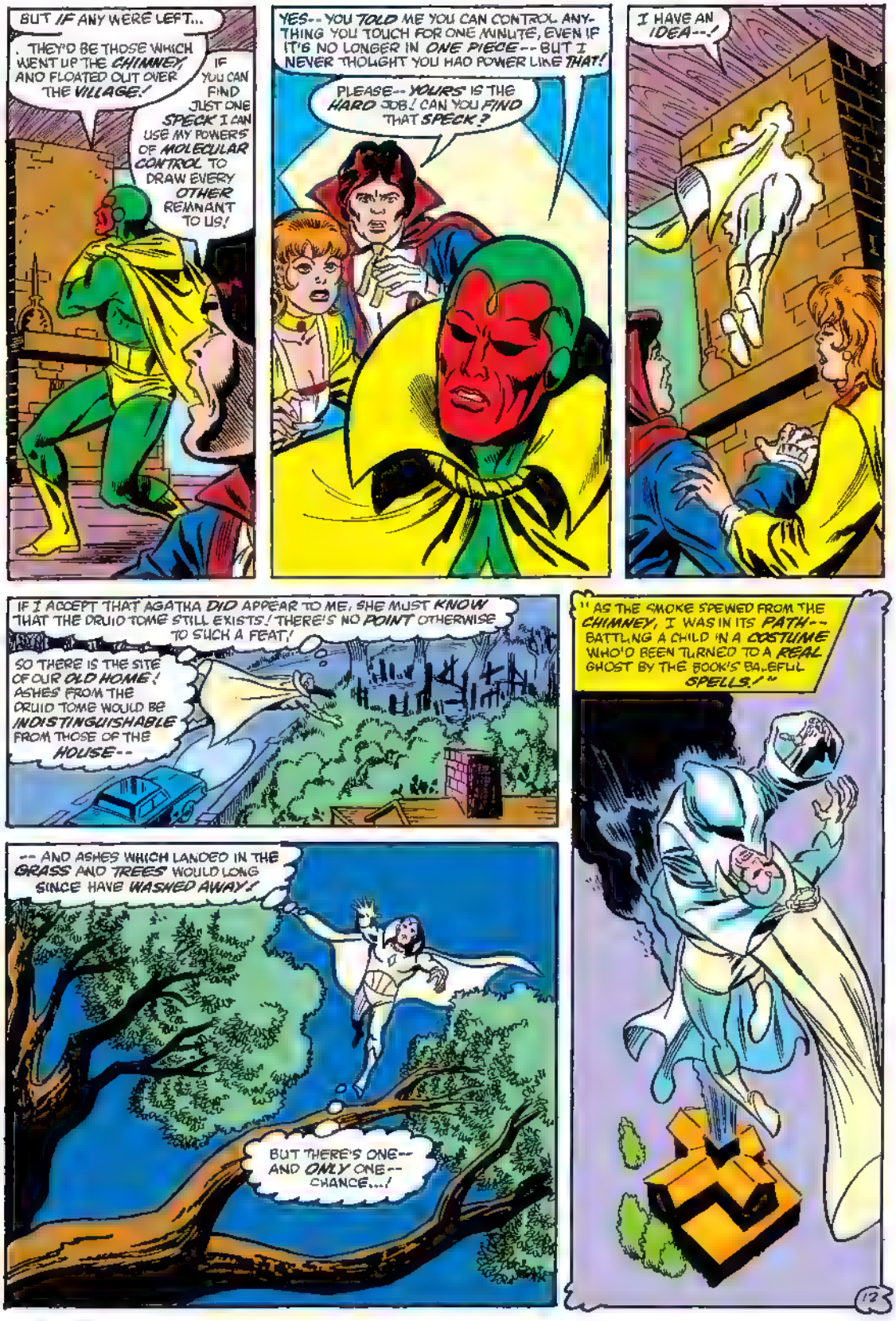
WANDA? WANDA?
GONE! SHE'S GONE, JUST AS I..FELT..!
I'M SORRY, VISION! I DROVE AS FAST AS I COULD!
I KNOW IT, ILYA! AND IT WAS FAR FASTER THAN I CAN FLY! I CAN ONLY GLIDE WITH THE WINDS--
--AND SO I WAS USELESS WHEN MY WIFE NEEDED ME!
BUT THAT WOMAN WHO APPEARED-- SHE SAID THAT DRUID TOME WOULD HELP--!
I TOLD YOU-- WANDA BURNED IT! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT WAS ON YOUR STAGE!
AGATHA HARKNESS TAUGHT WANDA WITCHCRAFT, BUT SHE DIED FIVE MONTHS AGO! WANDA SAYS SHE'S SEEN HER SINCE, BUT I NEVER HAVE!
I MAY BE MORE HUMAN THESE DAYS, BUT I'M STILL TOO TECHNOLOGICAL TO SEE GHOSTS!
OR-- VISIONS--?
OR THE NOSE ON YOUR FACE?
WHAT--?
FORGIVE ME, MY FRIEND, BUT TAKE IT FROM ONE WHOSE FORTE IS MISDIRECTION--DON'T LET YOUR NEW HUMAN EMOTIONS BLOCK YOUR REASON!
YOU SAY WANDA BURNED THE BOOK! IT DOES NOT FOLLOW THAT THE BOOK IS DESTROYED!
WHAT OF ITS ASHES?
ASHES--?
YES--THERE WERE ASHES.. BUT THEY WERE SWEPT UP-- THROWN AWAY!
AND THAT WAS IN OUR PREVIOUS HOUSE, TWO YEARS AGO!


BUT IF ANY WERE LEFT...
THEY'D BE THOSE WHICH WENT UP THE CHIMNEY, AND FLOATED OUT OVER THE VILLAGE!
IF YOU CAN FIND JUST ONE SPECK I CAN USE MY POWERS OF MOLECULAR CONTROL TO DRAW EVERY OTHER REMNANT TO US!
YES-- YOU TOLD ME YOU CAN CONTROL ANYTHING YOU TOUCH FOR ONE MINUTE, EVEN IF IT'S NO LONGER IN ONE PIECE-- BUT I NEVER THOUGHT YOU HAD POWER LIKE THAT!
PLEASE-- YOURS IS THE HARD JOB! CAN YOU FIND THAT SPECK?
I HAVE AN IDEA--!
IF I ACCEPT THAT AGATHA DID APPEAR TO ME, SHE MUST KNOW THAT THE DRUID TOME STILL EXISTS! THERE'S NO POINT OTHERWISE TO SUCH A FEAT!
SO THERE IS THE SITE OF OUR OLD HOME! ASHES FROM THE DRUID TOME WOULD BE INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THOSE OF THE HOUSE--
"AS THE SMOKE SPEWED FROM THE CHIMNEY, I WAS IN ITS PATH-- BATTLING A CHILD IN A COSTUME WHO'D BEEN TURNED TO A REAL GHOST BY THE BOOK'S BALEFUL SPELLS!"
-- AND ASHES WHICH LANDED IN THE GRASS AND TREES WOULD LONG SINCE HAVE WASHED AWAY!
BUT THERE'S ONE-- AND ONLY ONE-- CHANCE...!
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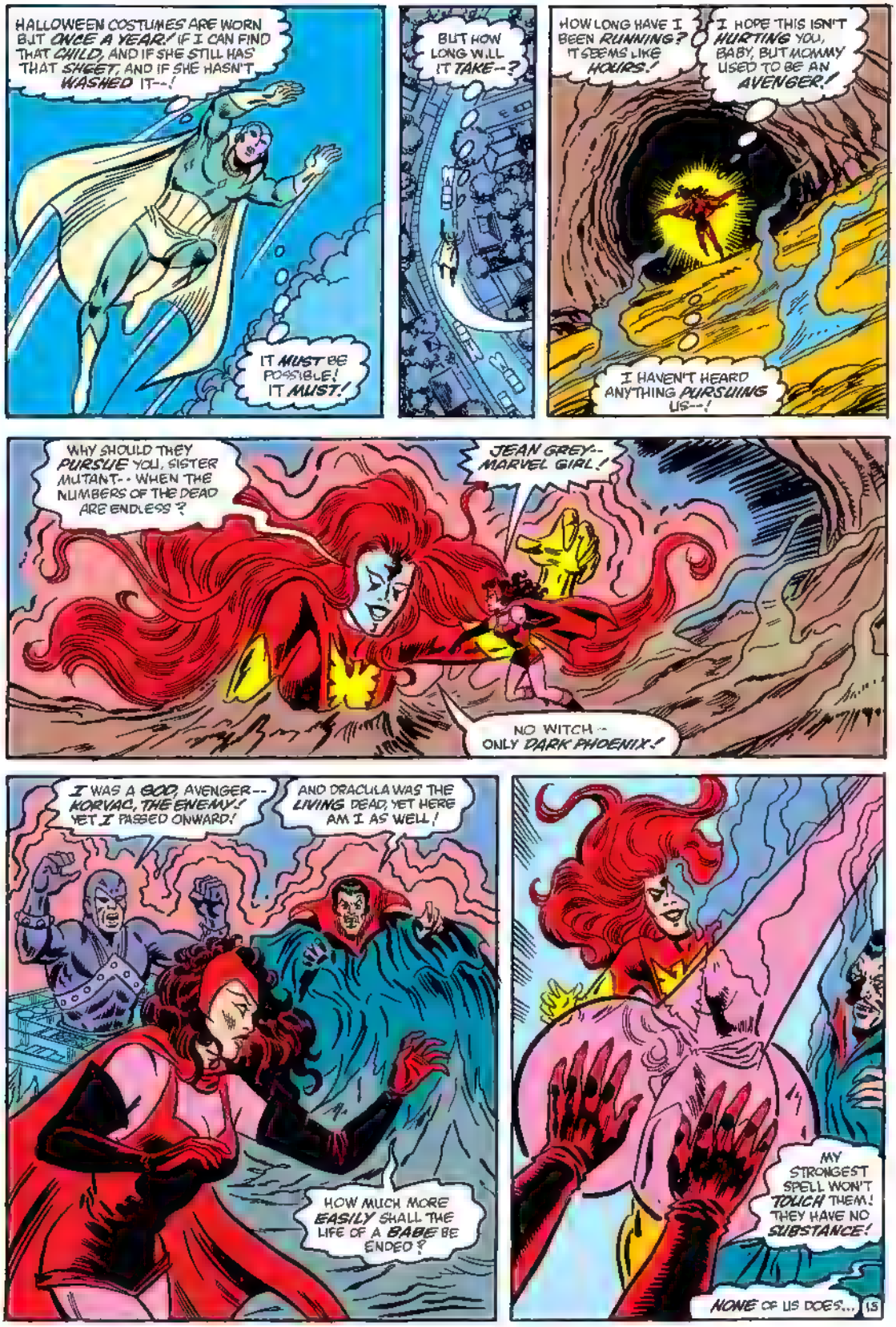
HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ARE WORN BUT ONCE A YEAR! IF I CAN FIND THAT CHILD, AND IF SHE STILL HAS THAT SHEET, AND IF SHE HASN'T WASHED IT--!
IT MUST BE POSSIBLE! IT MUST!
BUT HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE--?
HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN RUNNING? IT SEEMS LIKE HOURS!
I HOPE THIS ISN'T HURTING YOU, BABY, BUT MOMMY USED TO BE AN AVENGER!
I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING PURSUING US--!
WHY SHOULD THEY PURSUE YOU, SISTER MUTANT-- WHEN THE NUMBERS OF THE DEAD ARE ENDLESS?
JEAN GREY-- MARVEL GIRL!
NO WITCH -- ONLY DARK PHOENIX!
I WAS A GOOD AVENGER-- KORVAC, THE ENEMY! YET I PASSED ONWARD!
AND DRACULA WAS THE LIVING DEAD, YET HERE AM I AS WELL!
HOW MUCH MORE EASILY SHALL THE LIFE OF A BABE BE ENDED?
MY STRONGEST SPELL WON'T TOUCH THEM! THEY HAVE NO SUBSTANCE!
NONE OF US DOES...
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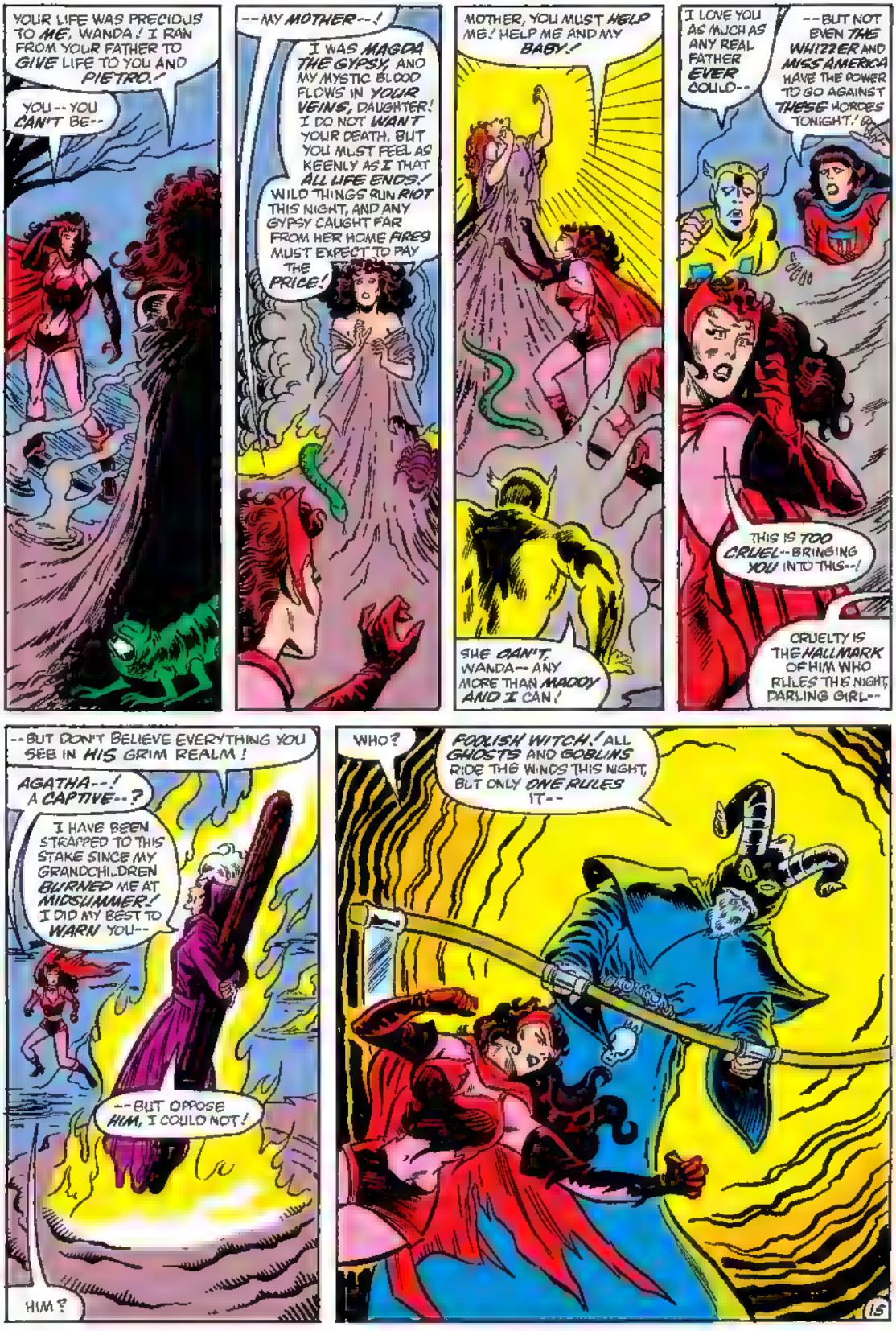
... WHICH IS WHY THE REALM YOU REPRESENT HOLDS SUCH TEMPTATION FOR OUR KIND!
IF NONE OF YOU HAS SUBSTANCE--GET OUT OF MY WAY!
WE HAVE ALL THE SUBSTANCE WE NEED FOR THIS REALM!
YET THERE IS NO PAIN--NO HEAVINESS FOR THOSE UNENCUMBERED BY FLESH!
YOU'RE A WITCH! YOU KNOW THAT DEATH ALWAYS SUPERSEDES LIFE!
AND THAT'S WHY LIFE IS SO PRECIOUS!
TIRING--! I'VE BEEN THROWING STRONGER AND STRONGER HEXES--!
STAY STRONG, LITTLE ONE! MOMMY KNOWS HOW PRECIOUS YOU ARE!


YOUR LIFE WAS PRECIOUS TO ME, WANDA! I RAN FROM YOUR FATHER TO GIVE LIFE TO YOU AND PIETRO!
YOU-- YOU CAN'T BE--
--MY MOTHER--!
I WAS MAGDA THE GYPSY, AND MY MYSTIC BLOOD FLOWS IN YOUR VEINS, DAUGHTER! I DO NOT WANT YOUR DEATH, BUT YOU MUST FEEL AS KEENLY AS I THAT ALL LIFE ENDS! WILD THINGS RUN RIOT THIS NIGHT, AND ANY GYPSY CAUGHT FAR FROM HER HOME FIRES MUST EXPECT TO PAY THE PRICE!
MOTHER, YOU MUST HELP ME! HELP ME AND MY BABY!
SHE CAN'T, WANDA-- ANY MORE THAN MADDY AND I CAN!
I LOVE YOU AS MUCH AS ANY REAL FATHER EVER COULD--
--BUT NOT EVEN THE WHIZZER AND MISS AMERICA HAVE THE POWER TO GO AGAINST THESE HORDES TONIGHT!
THIS IS TOO CRUEL-- BRINGING YOU INTO THIS--!
CRUELTY IS THE HALLMARK OF HIM WHO RULES THIS NIGHT, DARLING GIRL--
--BUT DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU SEE IN HIS GRIM REALM!
AGATHA--! A CAPTIVE--?
I HAVE BEEN STRAPPED TO THIS STAKE SINCE MY GRANDCHILDREN BURNED ME AT MIDSUMMER! I DID MY BEST TO WARN YOU--
--BUT OPPOSE HIM, I COULD NOT!
HIM?
WHO?
FOOLISH WITCH! ALL GHOSTS AND GOBLINS RIDE THE WINDS THIS NIGHT, BUT ONLY ONE RULES IT--
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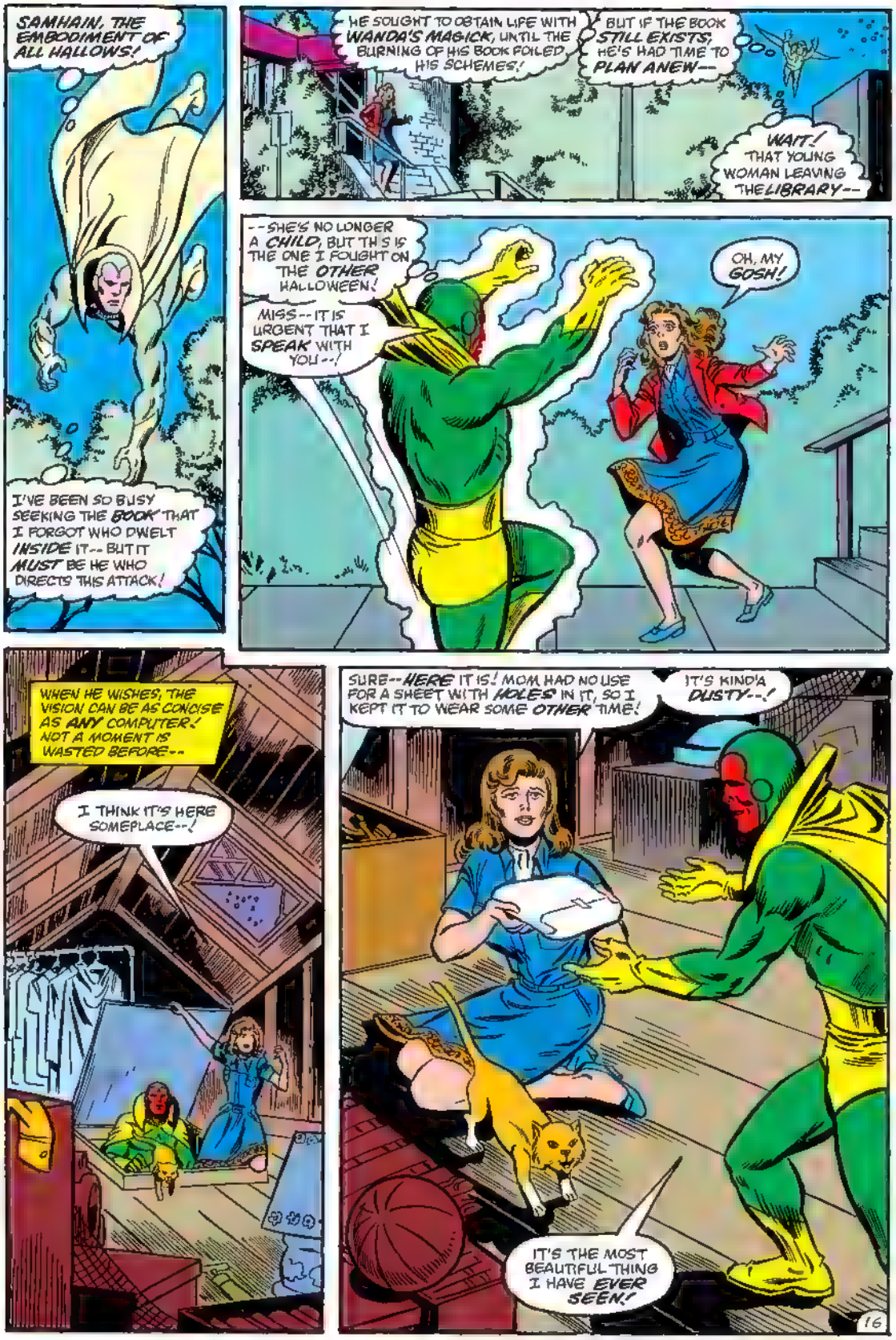
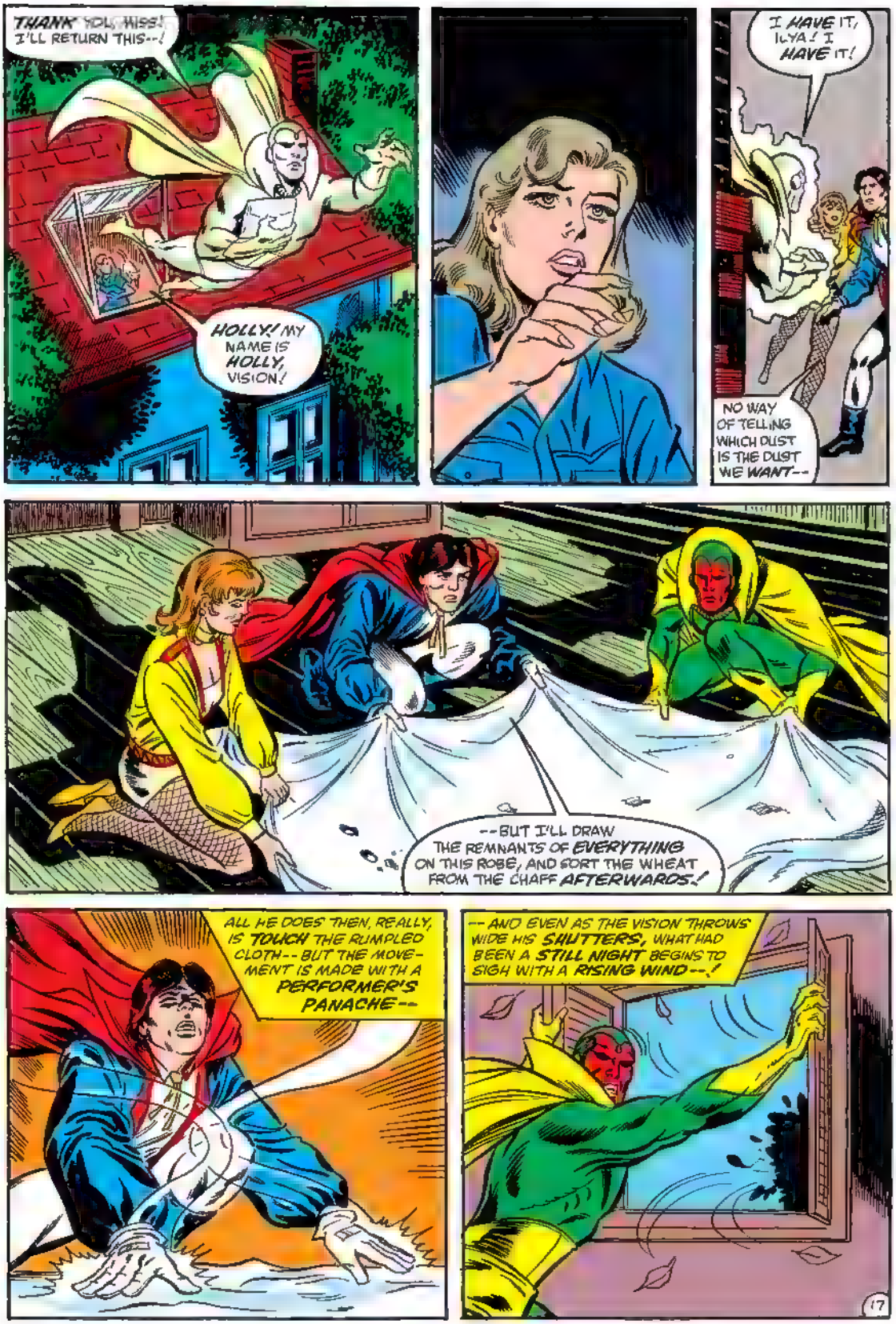
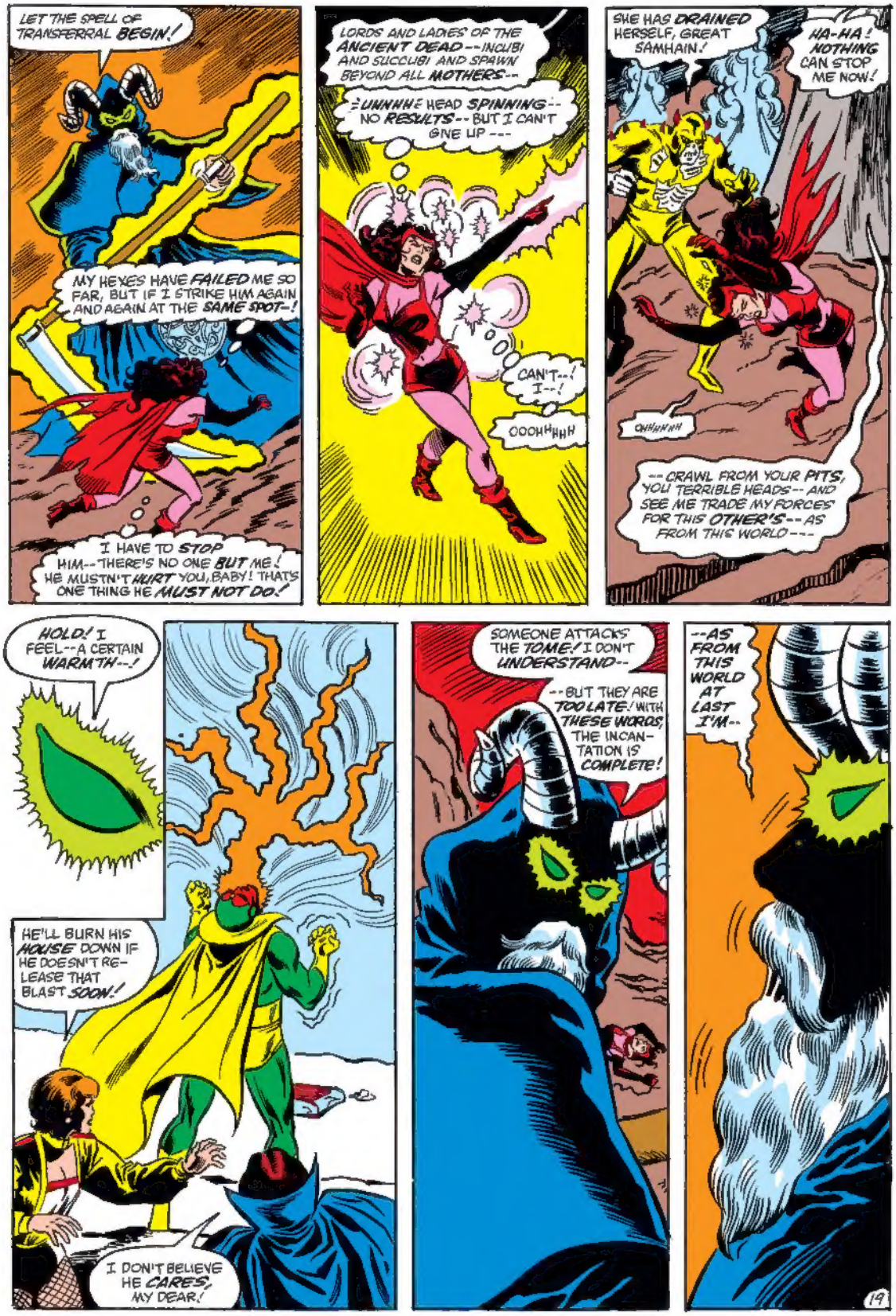
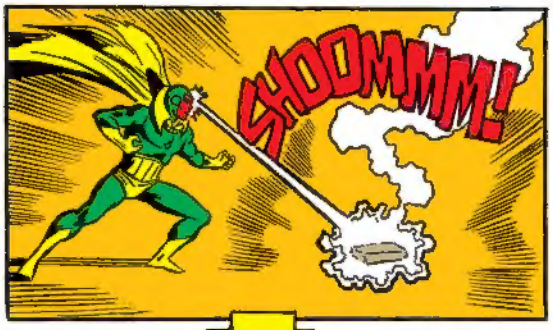

SAMHAIN, THE EMBODIMENT OF ALL HALLOWS!
I'VE BEEN SO BUSY SEEKING THE BOOK THAT I FORGOT WHO DWELT INSIDE IT-- BUT IT MUST BE HE WHO DIRECTS THIS ATTACK!
HE SOUGHT TO OBTAIN LIFE WITH WANDA'S MAGICK, UNTIL THE BURNING OF HIS BOOK FOILED HIS SCHEMES!
BUT IF THE BOOK STILL EXISTS, HE'S HAD TIME TO PLAN ANEW--
WAIT! THAT YOUNG WOMAN LEAVING THE LIBRARY--
--SHE'S NO LONGER A CHILD, BUT TH S IS THE ONE I FOUGHT ON THE OTHER HALLOWEEN!
MISS-- IT IS URGENT THAT I SPEAK WITH YOU--!
OH, MY GOSH!
WHEN HE WISHES; THE VISION CAN BE AS CONCISE AS ANY COMPUTER! NOT A MOMENT IS WASTED BEFORE--
I THINK IT'S HERE SOMEPLACE--!
SURE--HERE IT IS! MOM HAD NO USE FOR A SHEET WITH HOLES IN IT, SO I KEPT IT TO WEAR SOME OTHER TIME!
IT'S KIND'A DUSTY--!
IT'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING I HAVE EVER SEEN!


THANK YOU, MISS! I'LL RETURN THIS--!
HOLLY! MY NAME IS HOLLY, VISION!
I HAVE IT, ILYA! I HAVE IT!
NO WAY OF TELLING WHICH DUST IS THE DUST WE WANT--
--BUT I'LL DRAW THE REMNANTS OF EVERYTHING ON THIS ROBE, AND SORT THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF AFTERWARDS!
ALL HE DOES THEN, REALLY, IS TOUCH THE RUMPLED CLOTH-- BUT THE MOVEMENT IS MADE WITH A PERFORMER'S PANACHE--
--AND EVEN AS THE VISION THROWS WIDE HIS SHUTTERS, WHAT HAD BEEN A STILL NIGHT BEGINS TO SIGH WITH A RISING WIND--!

ALL THE WORLDS DWELL IN DARKNESS, WITCH! LIGHT ENTERS THE WORLDS BUT CANNOT STAY, WHEN DARKNESS LURKS BEHIND EVERY ROCK!
I AM THE EMBODIMENT OF DARKNESS--BUT I WILL BE MORE!
THE ENERGY CAUGHT UP IN YOUR CHILD CAN SUPPORT ME IN YOUR WORLD--
--AND WHEN IT DOES, THAT WORLD WILL SEE FEAR AND MADNESS SUCH AS NONE HAS HERETOFORE DARED DREAM!
IMPOSSIBLE! YOU WERE BOUND TO THE DRUID TOME, AND IT NO LONGER EXISTS!
OH, IT EXISTS--IN A MILLION MINUTE FRAGMENTS! AND THANKS TO THE WAY YOU SCATTERED IT BEFORE THE WINDS, IT CAN NEVER BE THREATENED BY MORTAL MEN AGAIN!
HERE IT IS, VISION!
PARTS OF IT HAVE WASHED AWAY OR ROTTED OVER TIME, BUT EVERY SPECK LEFT IN LEONIA HAS RETURNED TO ITS ORIGINAL CONFIGURATION!
I OWE YOU MORE THAN I CAN EVER REPAY, ILYA--!
NONSENSE!
NOW STAND AWAY! I AM GOING TO USE THE SOLAR BEAM FROM MY BROW TO BURN THIS BOOK AGAIN!
--BUT THIS TIME, WITH SUCH PURE HEAT AS TO REDUCE IT TO FREE ATOMS!
SINCE WE ARE DEEP INTO THE NIGHT, IT WILL TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO DRAW THE REQUISITE POWER--!


LET THE SPELL OF TRANSFERRAL BEGIN!
MY HEXES HAVE FAILED ME SO FAR, BUT IF I STRIKE HIM AGAIN AND AGAIN AT THE SAME SPOT--!
I HAVE TO STOP HIM--THERE'S NO ONE BUT ME! HE MUSTN'T HURT YOU, BABY! THAT'S ONE THING HE MUST NOT DO!
LORDS AND LADIES OF THE ANCIENT DEAD--INCUBI AND SUCCUBI AND SPAWN BEYOND ALL MOTHERS--
UNNNHE HEAD SPINNING--NO RESULTS--BUT I CAN'T GIVE UP---
CAN'T--! I--!
OOOHHHHH
SHE HAS DRAINED HERSELF, GREAT SAMHAIN!
HA-HA! NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW!
OHHHNH
--CRAWL FROM YOUR PITS, YOU TERRIBLE HEADS--AND SEE ME TRADE MY FORCES FOR THIS OTHER'S--AS FROM THIS WORLD---
HOLD! I FEEL--A CERTAIN WARMTH--!
HE'LL BURN HIS HOUSE DOWN IF HE DOESN'T RELEASE THAT BLAST SOON!
I DON'T BELIEVE HE CARES, MY DEAR!
SOMEONE ATTACKS THE TOME! I DON'T UNDERSTAND--
--BUT THEY ARE TOO LATE! WITH THESE WORDS, THE INCANTATION IS COMPLETE!
--AS FROM THIS WORLD AT LAST I'M--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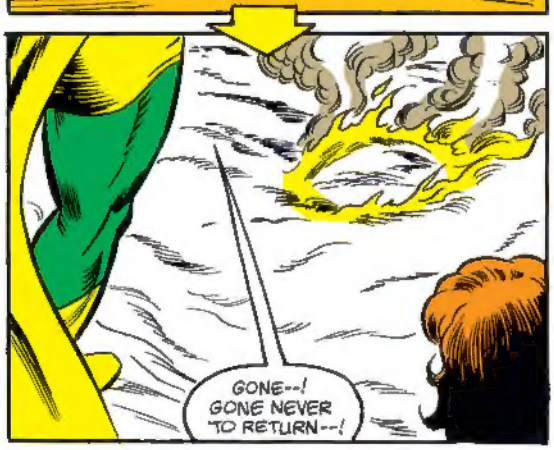
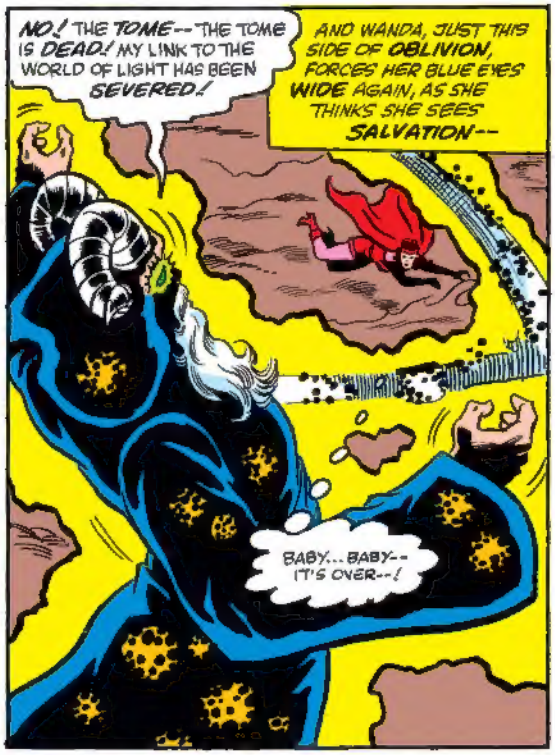
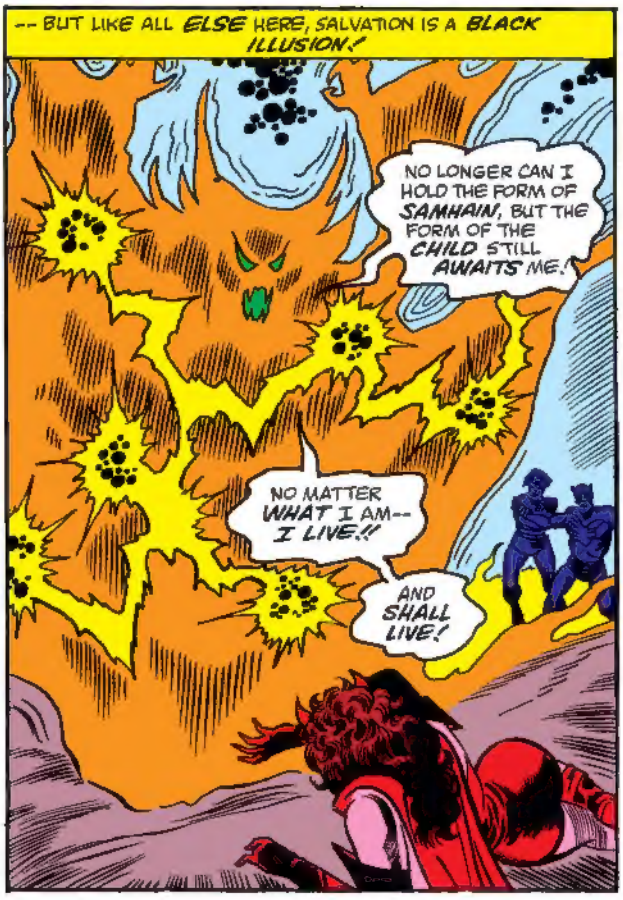

GONE--! GONE NEVER TO RETURN--!


NO! THE TOME--THE TOME IS DEAD! MY LINK TO THE WORLD OF LIGHT HAS BEEN SEVERED!
AND WANDA, JUST THIS SIDE OF OBLIVION, FORCES HER BLUE EYES WIDE AGAIN, AS SHE THINKS SHE SEES SALVATION--
BABY... BABY-- IT'S OVER--!


-- BUT LIKE ALL ELSE HERE, SALVATION IS A BLACK ILLUSION!
NO LONGER CAN I HOLD THE FORM OF SAMHAIN, BUT THE FORM OF THE CHILD STILL AWAITS ME!
NO MATTER WHAT I AM-- I LIVE!!
AND SHALL LIVE!

THEN THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO ACT--!
EH--?

AS SAMHAIN, YOU WERE INVINCIBLE ON THIS NIGHT OF ALL HALLOWS! EVER SINCE I DISCOVERED YOUR FELL SCHEME, I KNEW THAT NOT EVEN MY EXTRAORDINARY POWERS COULD STAND AGAINST YOU--
--AS SAMHAIN!
BUT I PROJECTED MY WARNINGS, AND WHEN WANDA PROVED TOO DISTRACTED TO PERFORM AS A WITCH SHOULD, I PIERCED THE VEILS TO REACH HER HUSBAND! I HAD TO DO WHAT I COULD!
I LOVE LITTLE CHILDREN, YOU SEE-- AND ALWAYS HAVE!
THE VISION DID WHAT I PRAYED HE WOULD, AND TOOK FROM YOU THE FORM WHICH MADE YOU UNIQUE ON THIS UNIQUE NIGHT--
--LEAVING YOU ONLY AS ENERGY-- INCREDIBLE ENERGY, YES--
-- BUT IN THAT, YOU ARE NOT UNIQUE!
DERANGED OLD CRONE! WHATEVER MAGICKS YOU SUMMON, NOTHING CAN STOP ME ONCE I SAY THE WIZARD'S WORDS--
-- AS FROM THIS WORLD AT LAST I'M FLED!!

NOW THE TRANSFER BEGINS!
YES-- BUT TRANSFER WITH WHAT? NOT WANDA'S CHILD!
BUT THESE-- THE ROTTEN FLESH OF MY FLESH!!
NO! NO!! IF I FLOW INTO THEM, I'LL BE TRAPPED HERE FOREVER--
--WITH--
--MY--
--DARK--
--FORCE--
--FOREVER--
--FRAGMENTED!
AGATHA--!
HE'LL NEVER MENACE YOU OR YOURS AGAIN, DARLING GIRL--AND NEITHER WILL THE UNQUIET DEAD OF NEW SALEM--LOVE THEM THOUGH I DID--
--ONCE--
--AND SO, AT LAST I CAN GO TO MY LONG-AWAITED REST--IN PEACE--!
AGATHA!
WANDA!
WANDA...
OH, VIZH--!
THE BABY'S ALL RIGHT--!
SOMEWHERE NOT SO FAR AWAY A COCK IS CROWING ALL HALLOW'S DAY...

Next: THANKSGIVING!